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SUBJ: INDIA/ PAKISTAN: GOP COMMENTS ON ICJ CASE; ANOTHER
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REF: NEW DELHI 6202

SUMMARY: GOP CLAIMS OPENING OF ICJ HEARING ON PAK
COMPLAINT RE POWS WAS DEFERRED AT INDIA' S REQUEST.
INDIANS HAVE ALSO ALLEGEDLY QUESTIONED COURT' S JURISDICTION.
PAKS EXPECT CASE TO BEGIN WEEK OF JUNE 3. MEANWHILE,
LOCAL PRESS HAS PLAYED UP BHUTTO' S NEW YORK TIMES
INTERVIEW AGAIN THREATENING TO PROSECUTE LOCAL BENGALLEES
IF DACCA PROCEEDS WITH WAR CRIMES TRIALS. END SUMMARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN TOLD PRESS MAY 31 THAT
REPORTS SUGGESTING OPENING OF ICJ HEARING ON GOP COM-
PLAINT RE POWS HAD BEEN DEFERRED AT JOINT REQUEST OF
INDIA AND PAKISTAN WERE INCORRECT. DEFERMENT HAD
RESULTED FROM UNILATERAL INDIAN REQUEST FOR MORE TIME
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TO STUDY MATTER. SPOKESMAN UNDERSTOOD POYAPONEMENT WOULD BE FOR FEW DAYS ONLY, AND THAT CASE WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN EARLY IN WEEK ON JUNE 3.

2. REVIEWING HISTORY OF PAKISTAN'S ICJ APPLICATION TO DATE, SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ICJ REGISTRAR HAD INFORMED GOI ON MAY 11 OF PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED BY PAKISTAN, SAME DAY ON WHICH PAKISTAN FILED CASE. ON MAY 23, ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN, GOI INFORMED REGISTRAR THAT ICJ HAD NO JURISDICTION OVER MATTER RAISED BY PAKISTAN WITHOUT CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, CITING INDIA'S RESERVATION TO ARTICLE IX OF GENOCIDE CONVENTION.

3. WHEN GOI POSITION WAS COMMUNICATED TO GOP, SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, PAKS ON MAY 25 FILED REJOINDER CONTESTING INDIAN STAND AND DRAWING ATTENTION TO 1951 ICJ ADVISORY OPINION HOLDING THAT ANY RESERVATION TO GENOCIDE CONVENTION INCOMPATIBLE WITH ITS OBJECTIVES WAS INVALID. THIS PRESUMABLE IS WHERE MATTER STANDS AT PRESENT.

4. MEANWHILE, GOVERNMENT- CONTROLLED PRESS HAD HEADLINED REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT BHUTTO IN RECENT INTERVIEW WITH NEW YORK TIMES PUBLISHED ON MAY 29. PRESS EMPHASIZED PRESIDENT'S WARNING THAT WAR CRIMES TRIALS IN DACCA WOULD " UNLEASH CHAOTIC FORCES" IN PAKISTAN WHICH WOULD REQUIRE GOP TO SET UP SIMILAR TRIBUNALS TO TRY BENGALIS IN PAKISTAN. PRESS ALSO NOTED BHUTTO'S ADMIRING COMMENTS RE PRINCE GANDHI'S " COURAGE AND VISION" AND HIS RATHER CONDENSING REMARKS RE SHEIKH MUJIB. SANDERHOFF

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